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## House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM
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March 12, 2007

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Dear Mr. Dobi:

On February 26, 2007, *Business Week* published allegations that a company called the Alfa Group Consortium hired Barbour Griffith & Rogers LLC and Diligence LLC to obtain confidential business information about IPOC International Growth Fund Ltd.<sup>1</sup> The article alleges that Diligence engaged in corporate espionage against IPOC and its auditor, KPMG Financial Advisory Service Ltd., through an operation it referred to as "Project Yucca."

The article also notes that on June 15, 2006, IPOC sued Diligence and Barbour Griffith & Rogers in U.S. District Court in Washington. On February 7, 2007, your firm filed an Amended Complaint on behalf of IPOC in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, which alleged that the Alfa Group conspired to "perpetrate a vast international scheme to misappropriate millions of dollars" from IPOC and the U.S. Treasury.<sup>2</sup>

I request that you provide the Committee with any information and documents in your possession or control relating to these allegations.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. Under House Rule XI, clause 2(m), the Committee has the authority to subpoena the production of documents it considers necessary in carrying out its oversight functions. An

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Spies, Lies & KPMG, Business Week (Feb. 26, 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IPOC International Growth Fund, Ltd. v. Leonid Rozhetskin, et al., Am. Compl., 06 Civ. 4338 (JVM) (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 7, 2007).

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attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the Committee's request.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact John Williams or Steven Glickman with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Waxman

Chairman

Enclosure

cc. Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member